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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9391
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

UNCLAS KHARTOUM 361

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: CASC SU ET

SUBJ: TRAVEL AMCITS THROUGH ETHIOPIA

1. EMBASSY RECEIVING CONSTANT REQUEST FROM YOUNG AMCIT TOURISTS FOR ADVICE ON LAND TRAVEL FROM SUDAN THROUGH ETHIOPIA TO KENYA. ALMOST ALL TRAVELLERS HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA, WOULD BE UNABLE FINANCIALLY TO TURN BACK AND ARE RELUCTANT FOLLOW TERTIARY ALTERNATE ROUTE THROUGH SOUTHERN SUDAN WHICH WE ARE CALLING TO THEIR ATTENTION. THEY INTEND ENTER ETHIOPIA AT METEMA, TRAVEL TO GONDAR, THEN SOUTH TO ADDIS ABABA AND ULTIMATELY ONWARD TO KENYA. DUE CURRENT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA WE ARE ENERGETICALLY SEEKING DISCOURAGE ALL SUCH INQUIRERS FROM TRANSITING ETHIOPIA AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THESE EFFORTS SO FAR HAVE ENCOUNTERED LITTLE, IF ANY, SUCCESS.

2. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO ESTABLISH MINIMAL SAFEGUARD SYSTEM WHEREBY EMBASSY COULD CABLE NAMES AND PPT DATA TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA OF ALL SUCH TRAVELERS WHO DEFINITE IN THEIR PLANS TO PURSUE SUCH TRAVEL. WOULD OBTAIN COMMITMENT FROM EACH TRAVELER TO CHECK IN WITH AMEMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL IN ADDIS ABABA AND ADVISE OF ARRIVAL. ESTIMATE SUCH LAND TRAVEL TIME FROM KHARTOUM TO ADDIS ABABA AT ABOUT 7-9 DAYS. IF TRAVELLER FAILS ARRIVE, DISCREET INQUIRIES CAN BE BEGUN, BUT WE WOULD EMPHASIZE TO TRAVELERS INABILITY IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF MAJOR LOCATION EFFORT BY HARD-PRESSED EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA.

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3. ENVISAGE SENDING SUCH A CABLE ONLY ONCE A WEEK WITH 5-10 NAMES
MAXIMUM. BELIEVE RESULTANT WORKLOAD WILL BE MINIMAL ON ALL PARTIES
CONCERNED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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